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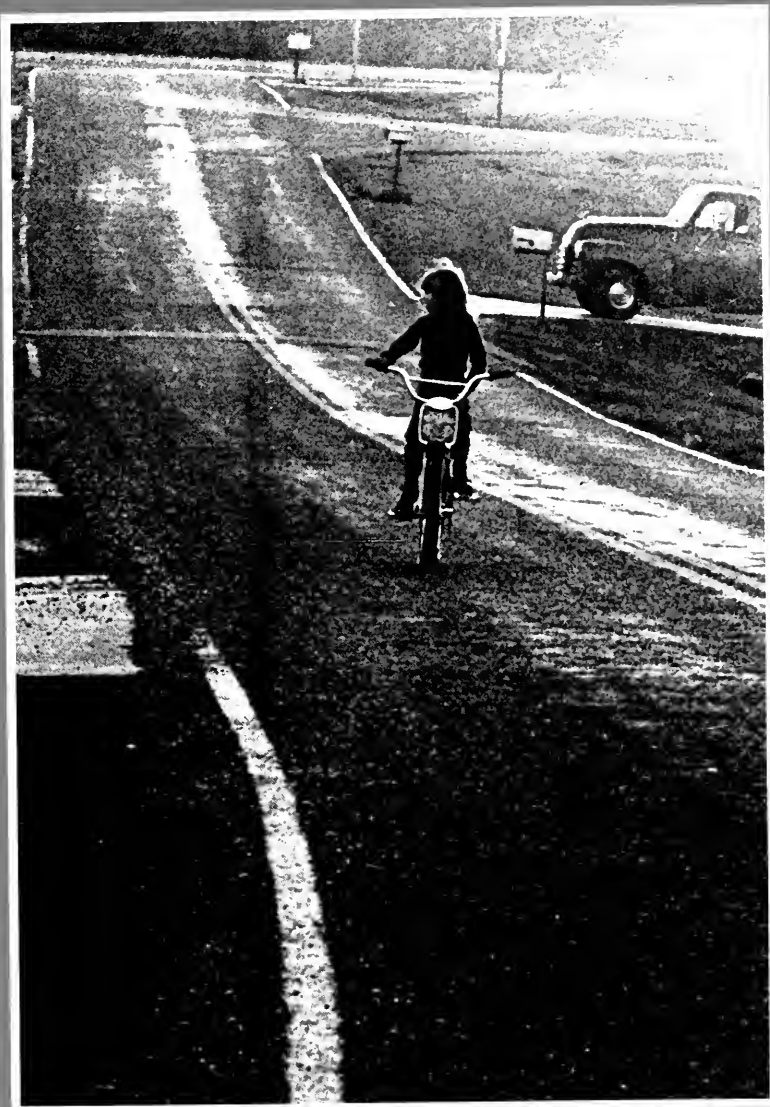
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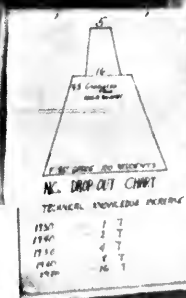
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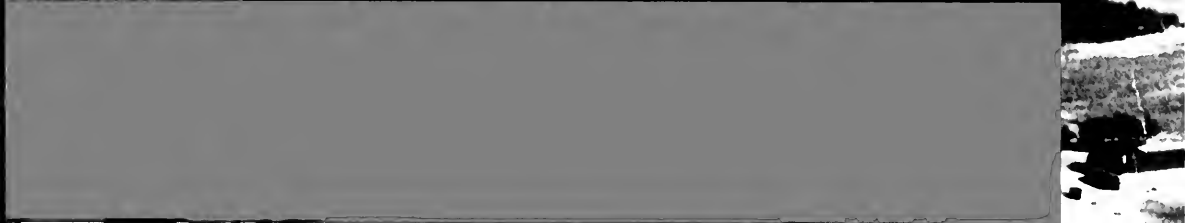


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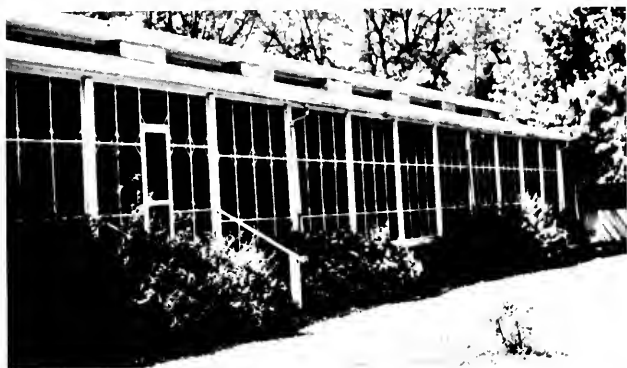
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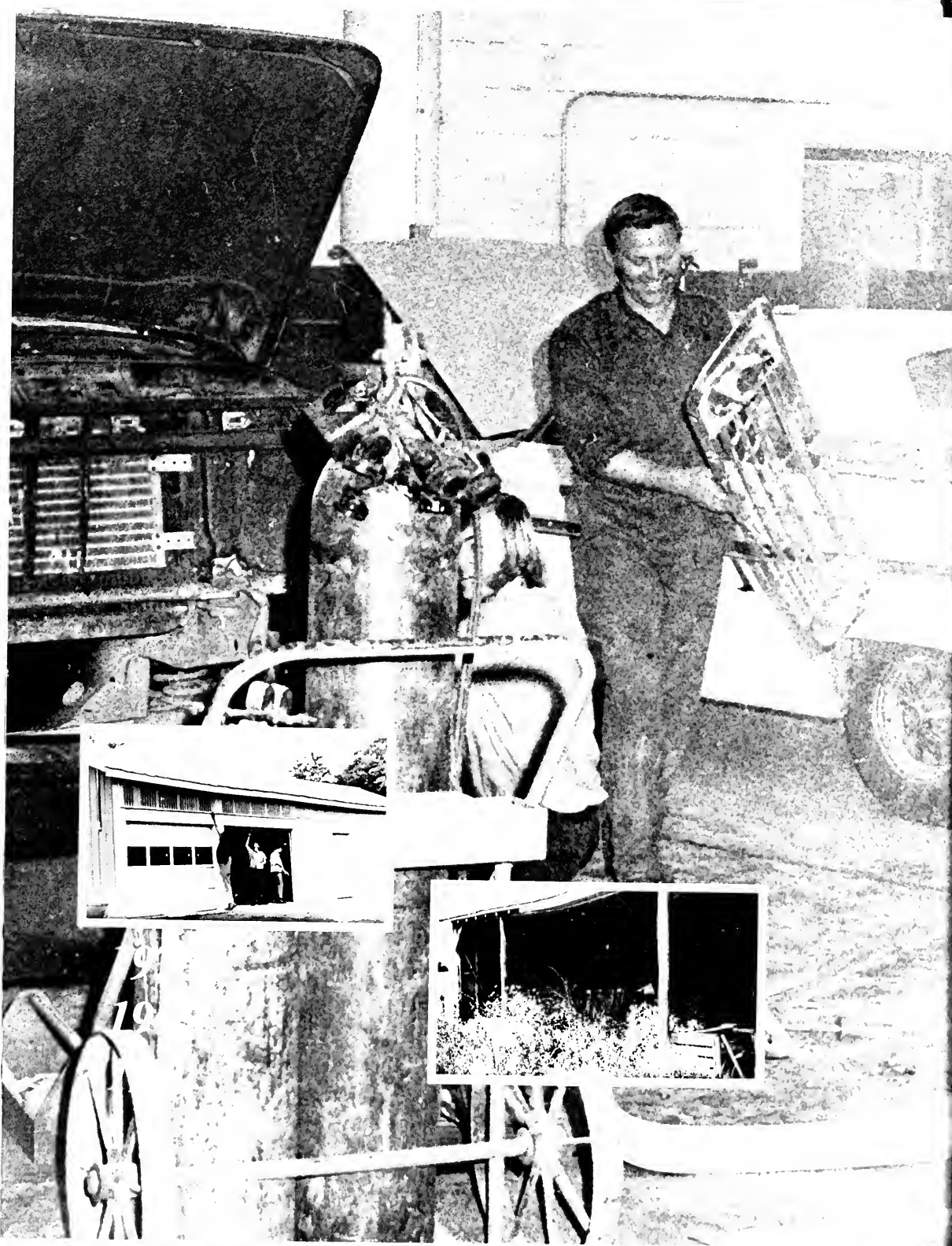




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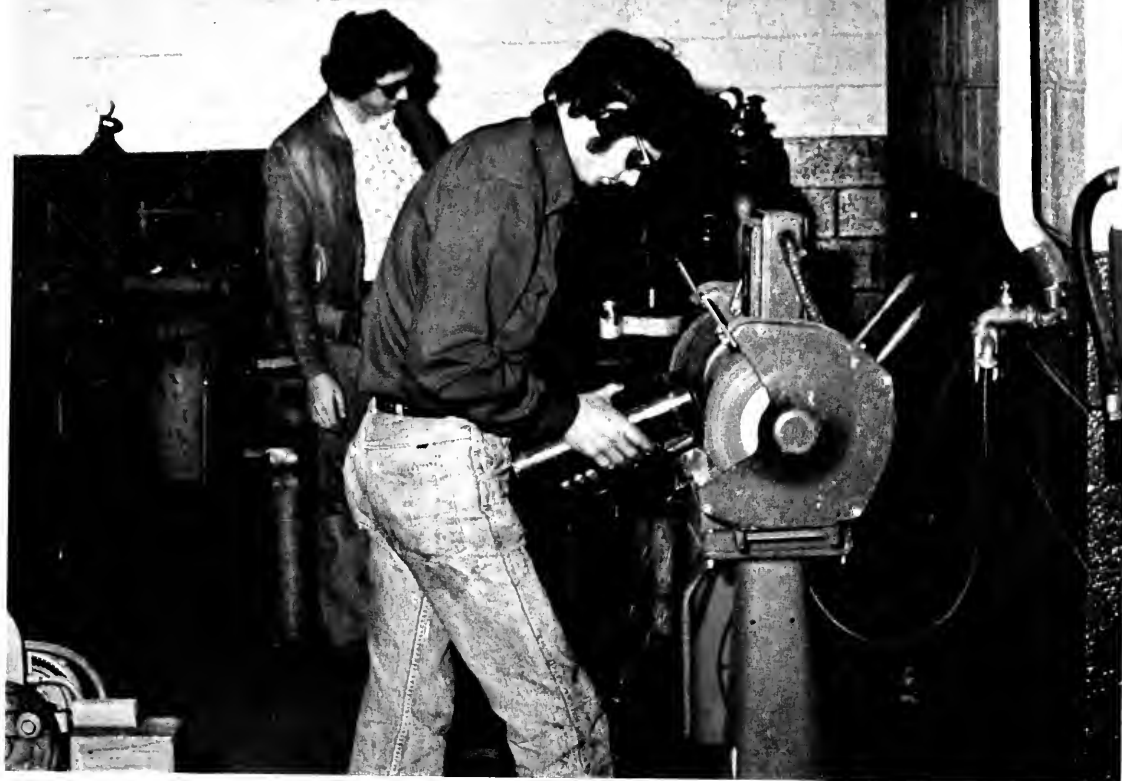


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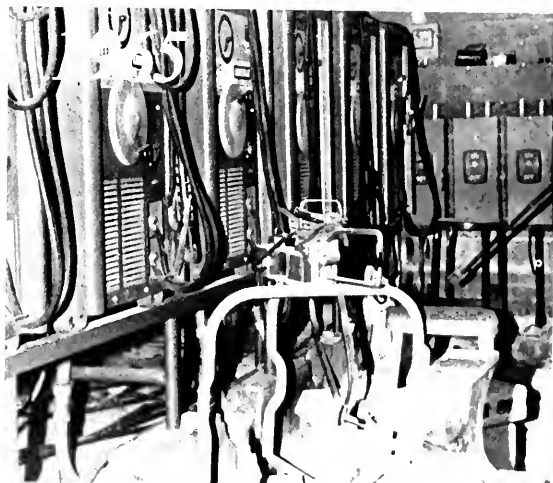


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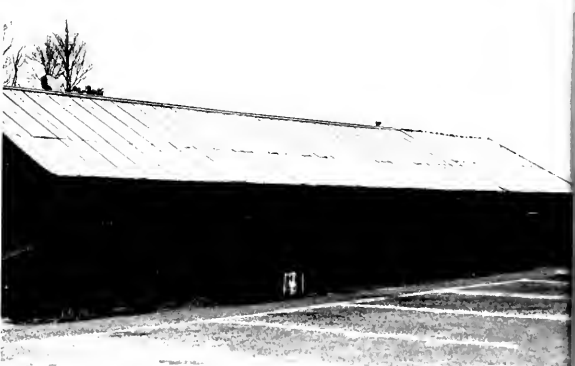


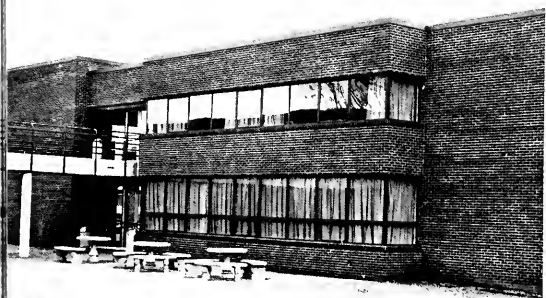
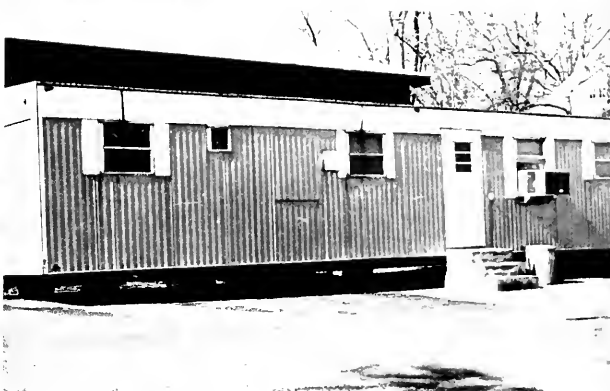
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Through the efforts of many interested people, Cleveland Tech has grown from barns, houses, tool sheds, storage rooms, dormitories, and other such unlikely structures into a setting where a quality education may be obtained.









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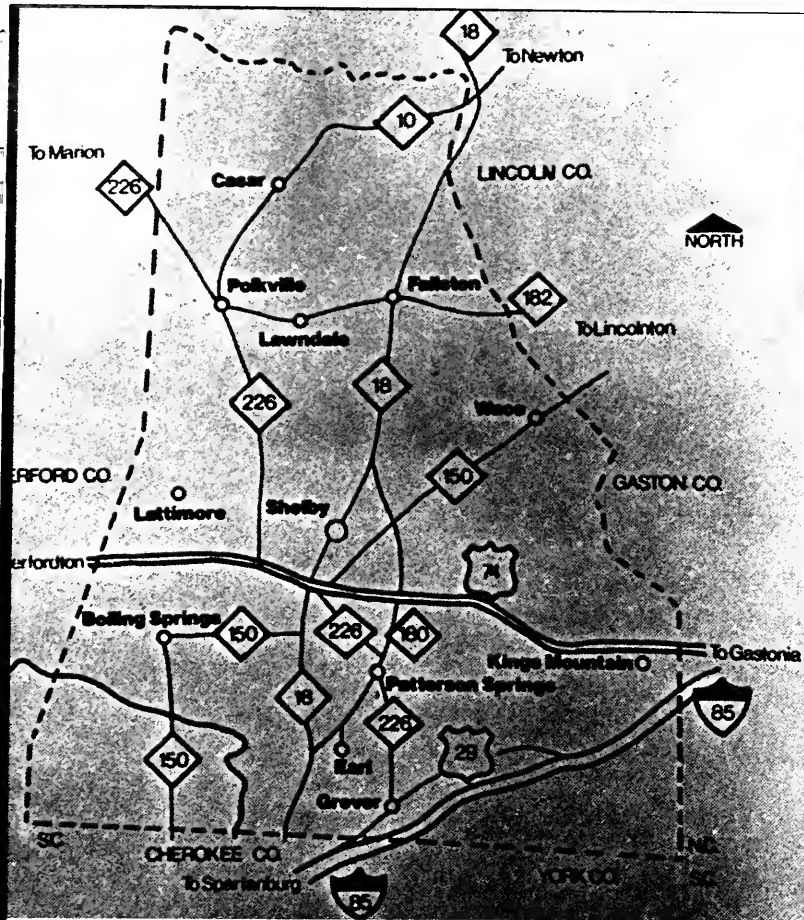










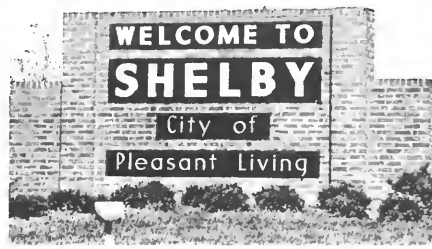


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Tech Open House

Set Sun., May 18

Open house and dedication of Cleveland County Technical Institute's new facilities are scheduled for Sun., May 18 from 2 until 5 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to tour all facilities and meet and talk with members of the Cleveland Tech Board of Trustees and members of the

Continuing Education Department, will augment the attractive appearance of the new classrooms. Tech's Visiting Artist, Ms. Ruby Lerner, will answer questions about the Visiting Artist program. Tech's former auto mechanics barn will be set up to enable viewers to see how the facilities are arranged for

closing prayer.

Open house and dedication will coincide with Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, a culmination of events for National Law Officer Appreciation Week.

"Cleveland Tech's Police Science Department and the Tech staff have set aside this day to honor all law enforcement officers in our area," said Ron McKinney, Police



PLAQUE FOR NEW FACILITY -- Alvin Sherlin (left), Vice-President of Cleveland Tech's Board of Trustees, and James Petty (right), President of Cleveland Tech, hold the bronze plaque bearing the names of the new facilities. (Open house and dedication is Sunday, May 18 from 2 until 5:00 p.m. (Photo by Schell))

Cleveland Tech Slates Open House, Dedication

Open house and dedication of Cleveland County Technical Institute's new facilities are scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to tour all facilities and meet and talk with members of the Cleveland Tech Board of Trustees and members of the administration, faculty, and staff. Student guides will be available for tours throughout the campus.

The new 43,000-square-foot building cost over \$1.5 million and features 23 carpeted and air-conditioned class-

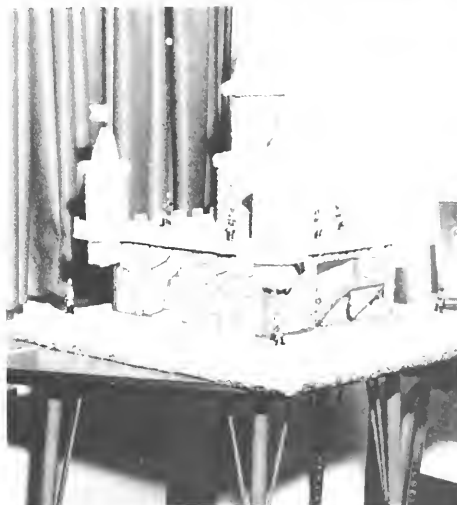
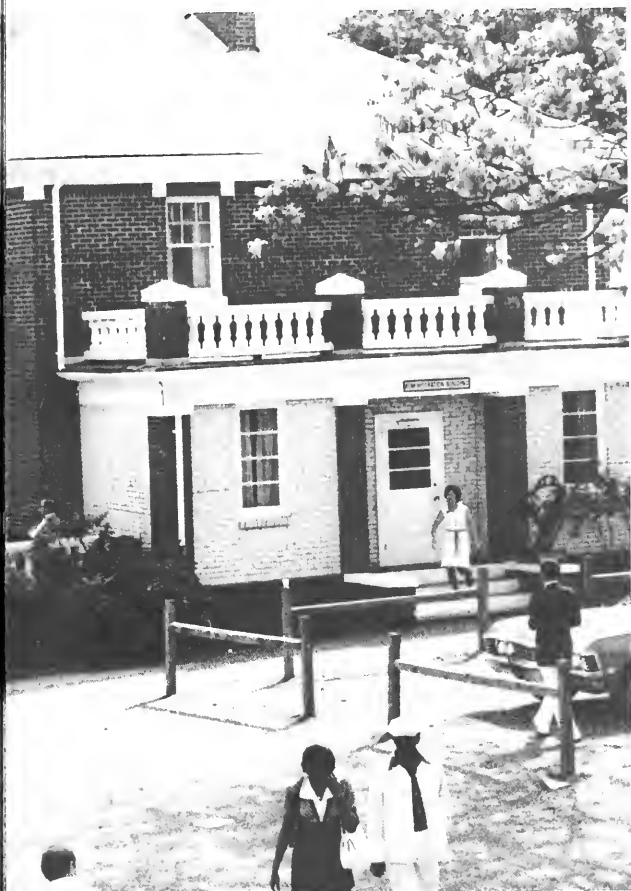
rooms and six classroom shop combinations for practical training in auto mechanics and body repair, radio and television, welding, electrical installation, masonry, nursing, plumbing, and other shop-related curriculums.

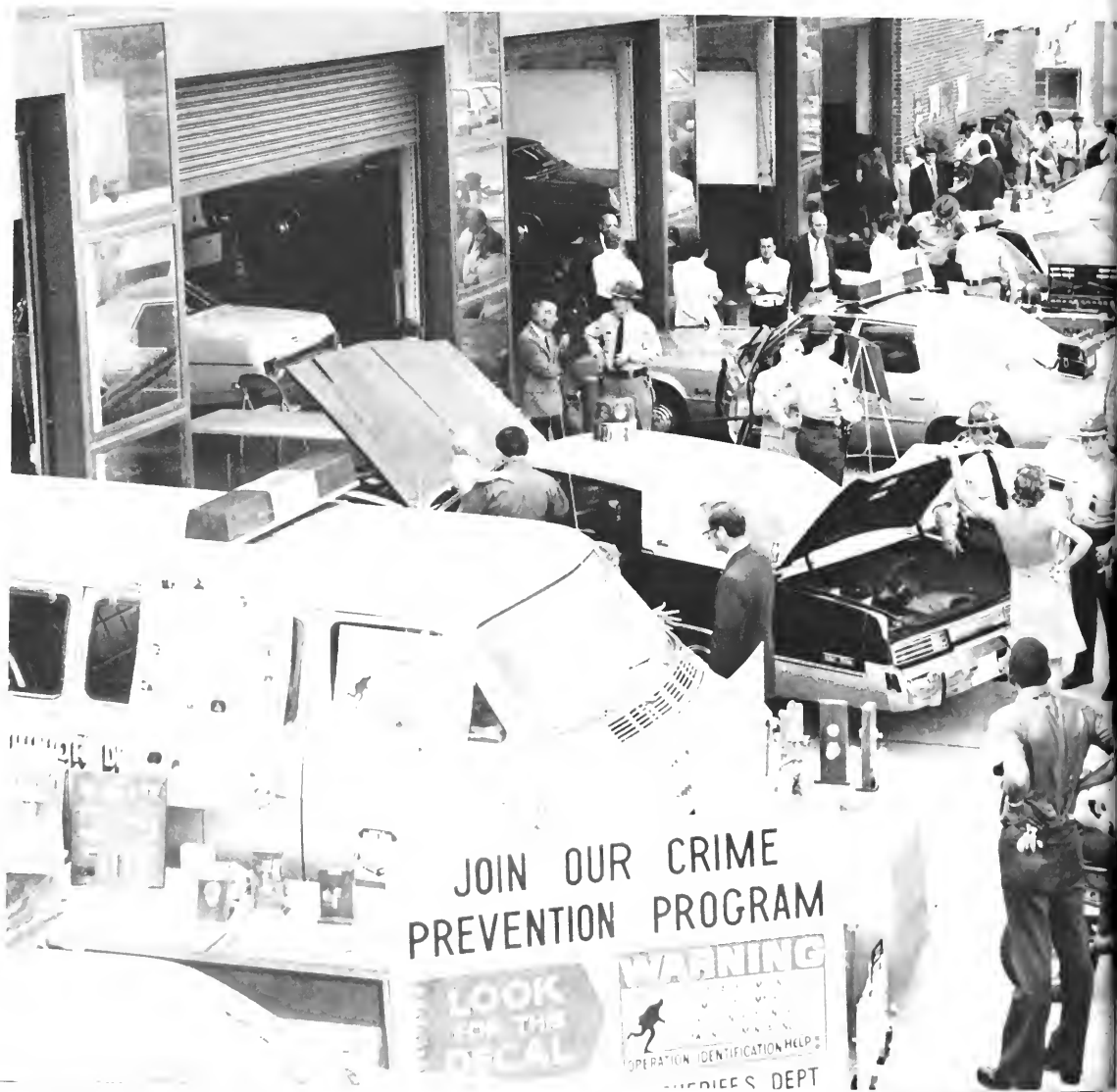
"I hope that many area residents will come out and share this day with us," said Tech President James Petty. "Not only are we pleased with our new facilities, Petty said "but we are also anxious to communicate with all Cleveland Countians about the nature and scope of

our instructional programs." Petty continued, "Each curriculum will display equipment and instructional aids. The instructional staff from each department will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to each program's objectives and implementation." Displays of ceramics and various arts and crafts, sponsored by Tech's Continuing Education Department, will augment the attractive appearance of the new classrooms. Tech's Visiting Ar-

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Police Day



On December 10, 1975, Cleveland County Technical Institute was accepted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This means that Cleveland County Technical Institute has been recognized as an institution which meets the standards of achievement established by a competent educational Association. Accreditation is the recognition of the intellectual or academic integrity of educational institutions.

For institutions of higher learning, accreditation by the Southern Association serves several purposes. It encourages institutions to improve their programs by providing standards or criteria established by competent educators. It accomplishing this, accreditation provides assistance to students as they select a college; it facilitates the transfer of students from one institution to another; it helps to inform prospective employers about the overall quality of education received by a graduate of a particular institution; and it serves the general public by providing the layman some guidance on the institutions he may wish to patronize. Finally, it makes possible studies and programs of significance to education in our region. This is a milestone in the growth of Cleveland County Technical Institute.

Alvin M. Sherlin

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Vice President



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December 15, 1975

President James B. Petty
Cleveland County Technical Institute
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Dear President Petty:

It is a pleasure to welcome your institution into the membership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. You, your faculty, and staff may be proud of this accomplishment. It is our hope that the benefits and obligations of membership may prove stimulating to even greater achievements as you participate in the organization.

The Committee on Admission to Membership for Institutions at Level I has requested that your institution submit a progress report by September 1, 1976. In this report, you are requested to indicate the progress of the institution in improvement of the physical plant and to report on the success of your proposed bond issue for this purpose.

You will be expected to complete a full Self-Study and to have a committee evaluation in anticipation of reaffirmation of accreditation by the Annual Meeting in 1980. Before that time, a member of the staff will advise you concerning the procedures to prepare for the reaffirmation program, including the time schedule.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Dr. Ben E. Fountain, Jr.





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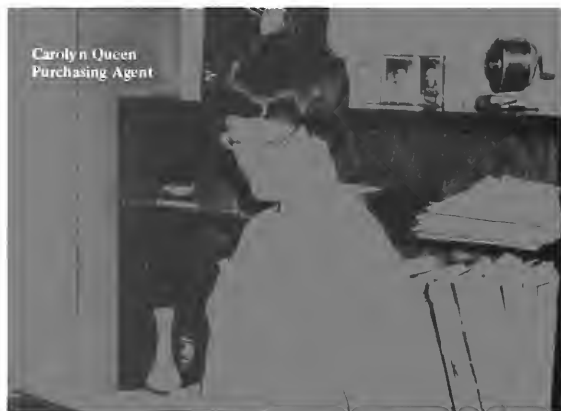
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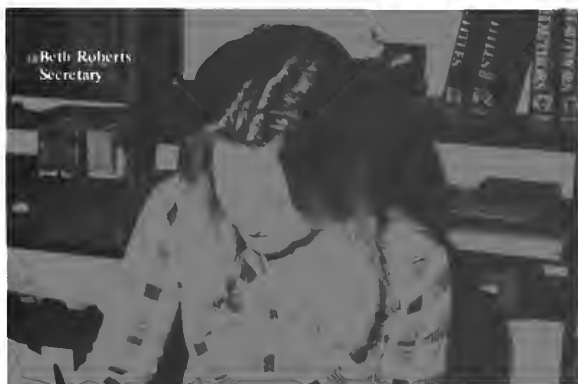
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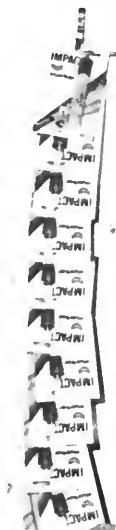
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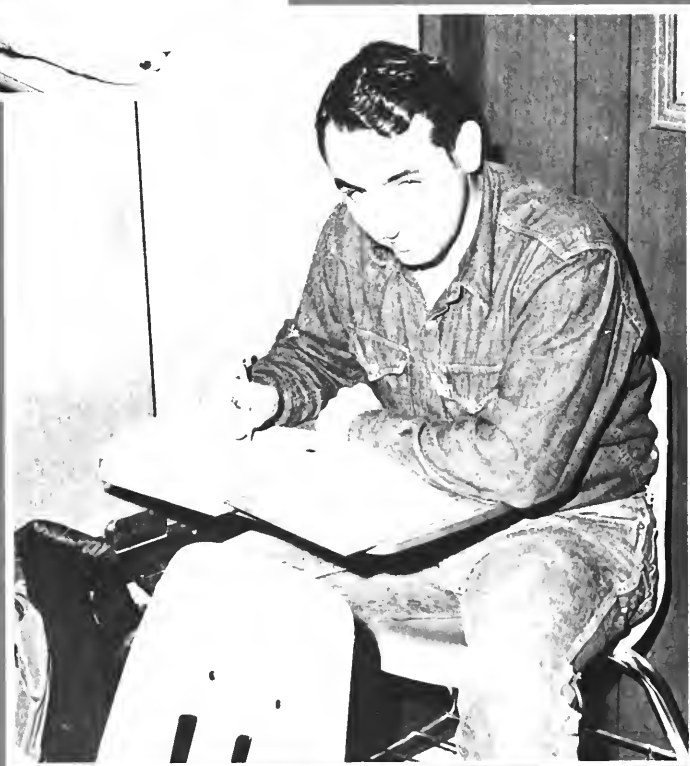
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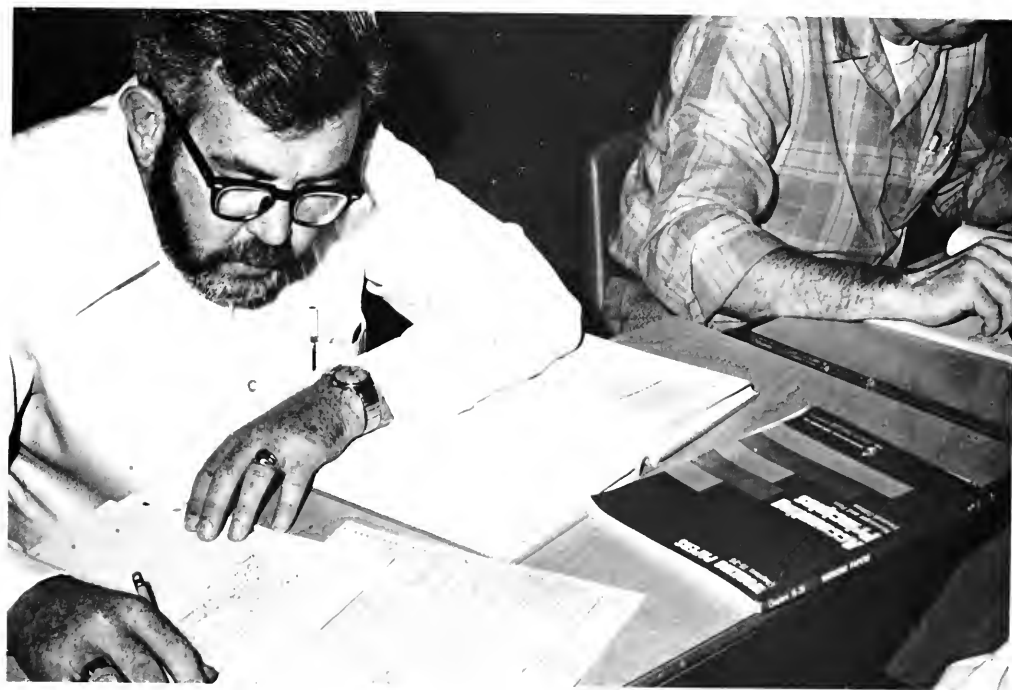
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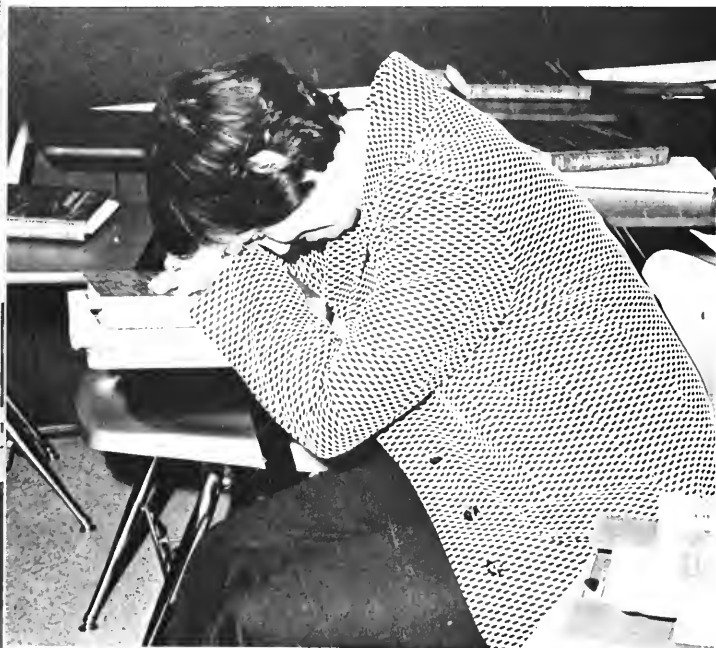
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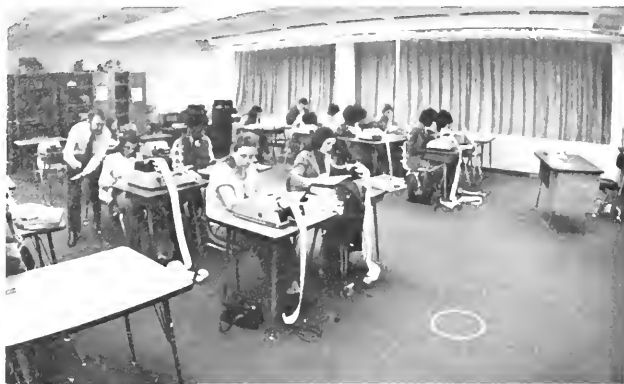


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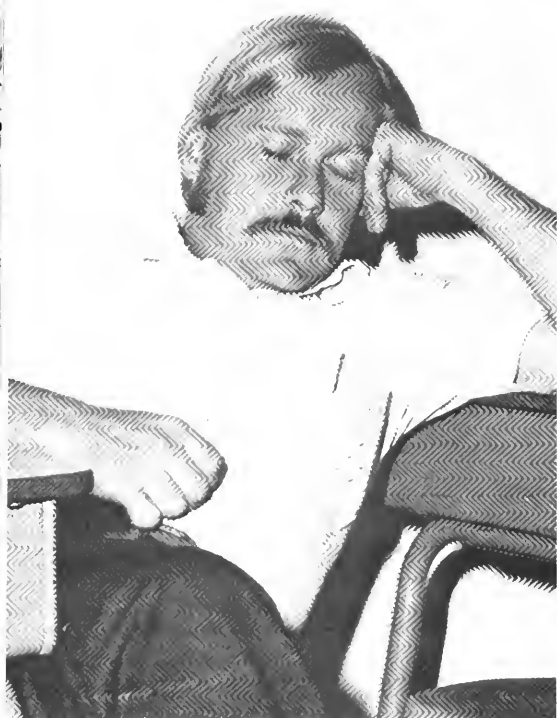


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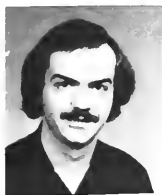
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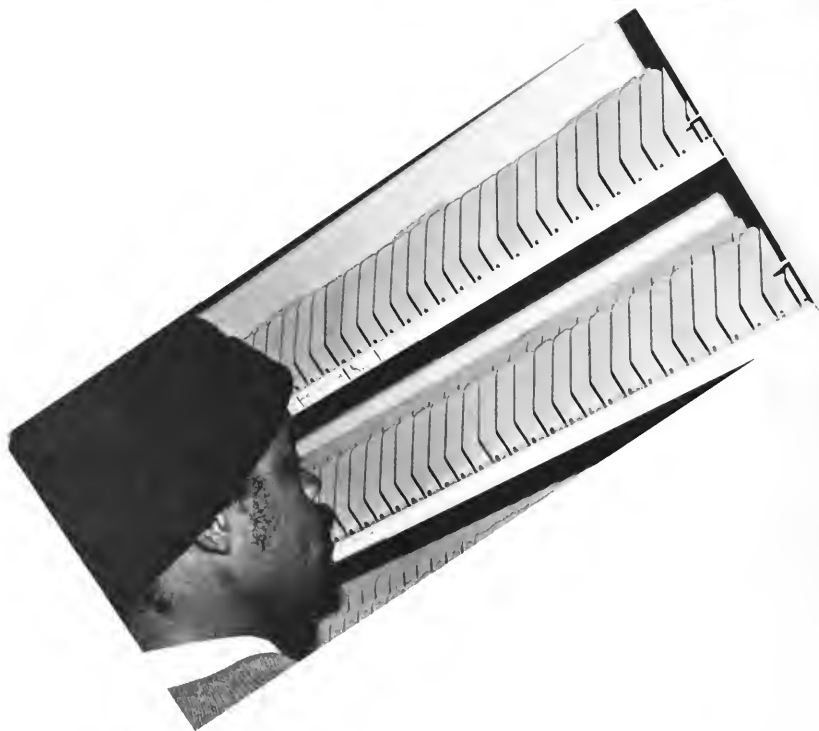
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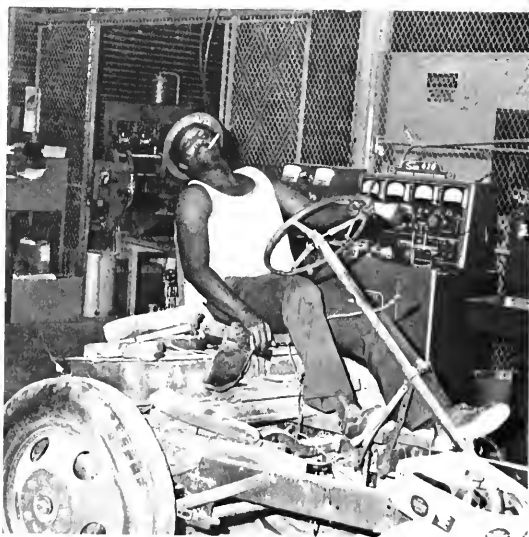
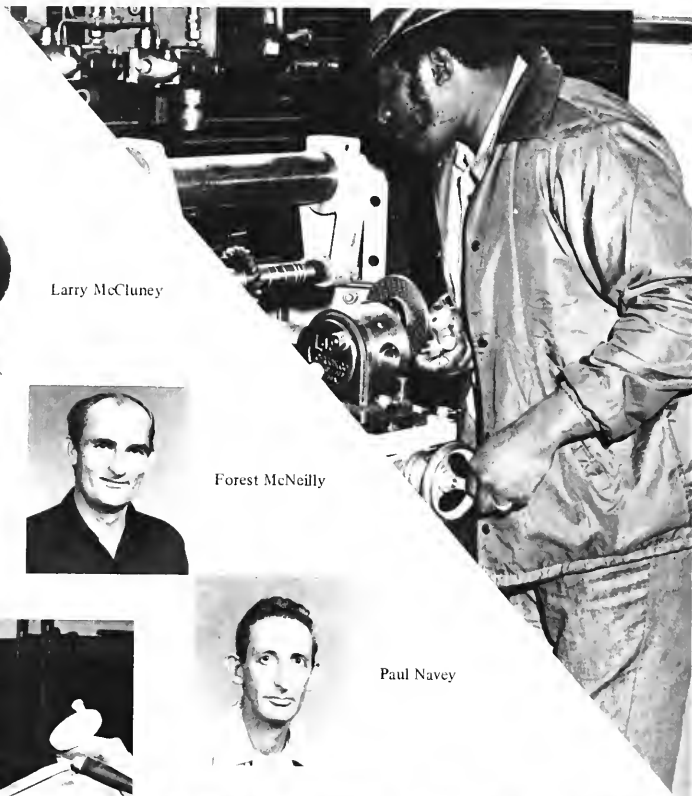
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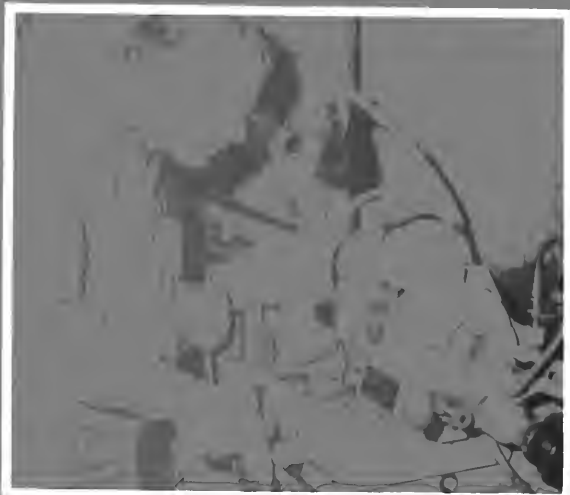
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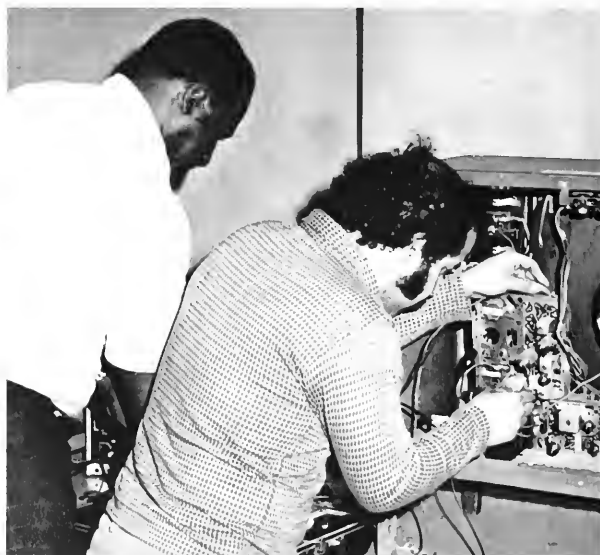
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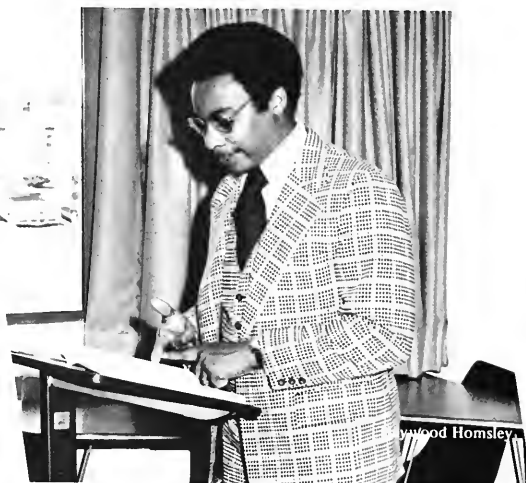
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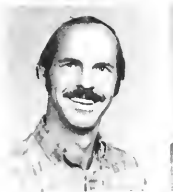
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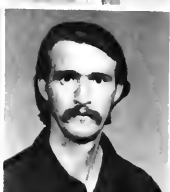
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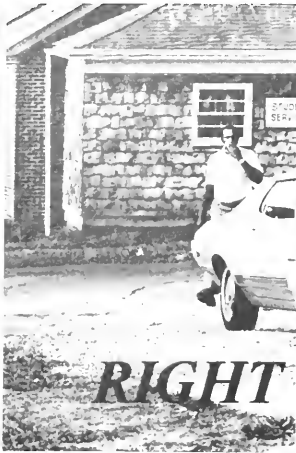
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LAST DAYS

Where has that elusive spring of life gone?
Why, it was just a day or two ago
and now
it's almost through.

Some sweet and gentle times you say;
but mostly
it was digging in the hard, red clay.

Sit back and take your ease, Old Man.
It's been a long hard pull.
The White Horse can't be far away
for one with all your years.

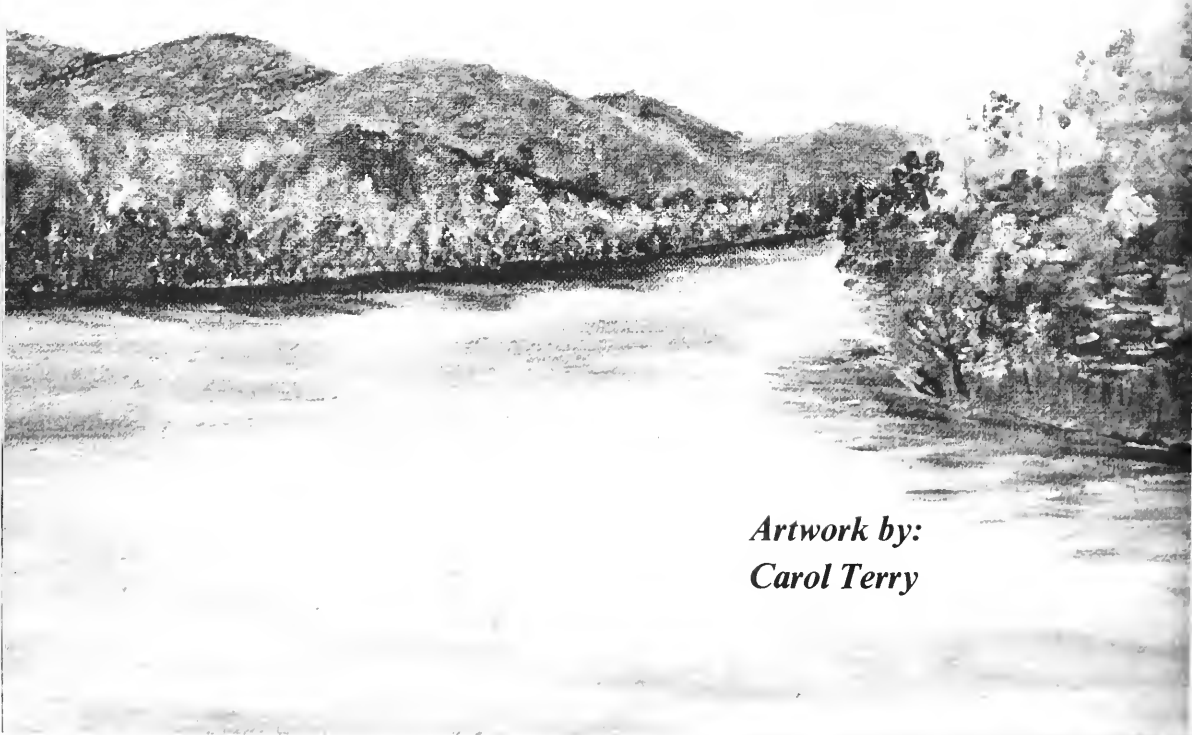
You see and know so many things
that some folks say are trite —
If they would harken to your voice
there may be a ray of light.

The sun of many summers
reflect from that wrinkled face
The cold of many winters
fill those creaking, aged bones.
Those watery eyes have seen the change
from freedom, to this slavery
we call Progress.

Sit back and take your ease, Old Man.
Don't put up such a struggle.
You hang onto that spark of life
like one with half your years.
Old minds aren't worth a lot today:
they just remember things that were,
not things as they are.

You have warmed your hands
before the fire of life,
Now there's just one more bridge to cross.
So take your ease
and when the White Horse please,
He will give you
that last long ride.

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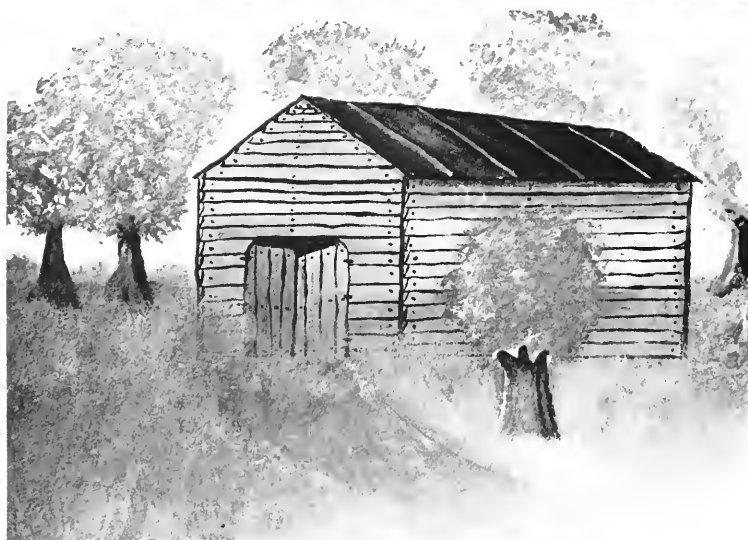
A stranger came my way ere dawn one day.
His back was bent, his hair was gray.
An old and wrinkled man was he.
But pride and strength shone out to me.
I felt I'd seen that face before,
a thousand times or maybe more.
I asked him if I knew him not.
His answer puzzled me somewhat.
"You know me not; just call me "Sam",
You'll know me well the day I am."
I said, "Old man, who can you be?
Your face does ring a bell in me.
"My lad", said he, "I know you well.
You'll know me when yourself you tell.
I've known you all your life, my youth.
My youth, that's where you'll find the truth.
I said, "But sir, I'm at a loss."
He said, "Our paths can never cross."

The corners of his mouth did rise
up toward his brown and laughing eyes.
To him, I said, in some mild rage,
"Old man, you're over twice my age
and if you ask, I really doubt
you have that much to smile about
"Oh no, my youth, that's where you're wrong,
for I have lived life full and long."
I asked him then inside my door
and from his lips his life did pour.
"For many years, I wandered lost.
I had my fun, no mind the cost.
The first ten years of adult life
I married twice but had no wife.
I gave my all; they did not care,
tho one to me did children bear.
Then I met love, lovely creature, she!
And every day she grows with me.
Just like a good book with each page.
Grows more exciting with her age.
And tho we've had our ups and downs,
our love still grows; it knows no bounds.
We'd see how foolish we had been
and laugh out loud and love again.
Mark my words, in time you'll see.
When you're my age, then you'll know me.

From thence he came he then was gone
just as the night slipped into dawn
and crossed our paths, they had not
but something I had forgot.
I held a mirror in my hand.
I looked and I thought I saw Sam.

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"EAT IT QUICK BEFORE SHE DISCOVERS THIS ISN'T FIRST CLASS."

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"This is going to cost like crazy. He just wired the first stick with a dollar a bill."

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JUST ME

Some say I look like Daddy
Some say I look like Grandfather
Some say I am pretty enough, a girl to be
But I am just me.

Some want me to be a doctor
Some want me to be an engineer
Some day a great sports hero I may be
But today I am just me.

Some day I may be president
Or achieve great things
A genius I may be
But today let me be just me.

Some day your goals I may reach
Some day you'll say,
"Your father, I'm proud to be"
But today let me be just me.

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..... Are you over here all the time?
 Don't you ever go home?
 Why do you have to come on Friday?

These are questions that we have heard many times since we started working on this yearbook. Yes, sometimes we felt like we were here all the time but now as we look back ever minute was worth it because we feel like this book is a very special one that every member of the Tech family can be proud of.

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